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Abstinence Wins

THESE FOOTBALL STARS Say "No Alcohol For Us"

NO LEG TO STAND ON

"The liquor business can no more stand on its own feet than can its patrons. A business that cannot advertise the facts about its products does not deserve to exist."

Emory Brubaker.

"We know that drinking men wrong their families, the community, and themselves. We know that it injures education, morality, and religion; that it fosters crime and increases taxation. The question is, 'What are we going to do about it?' "

One of the greatest statesmen of all time, England's Edmund Burke, said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

HOW MUCH DO WE CARE?

How general is the complacency?

Many churches throw around the unclean liquor business a cloak of respectability, by retaining the membership of the dealers in the vice and misery of drink. The largest wholesale beer dealer in a certain state is a member of the official board of a church. Was there ever a time when it was easier to be a churchmember, or harder to be a real Christian?

It is not merely the erring members who are complacent. How much concern over this aggressive curse is felt by lay and clerical leaders among us? Who will take responsibility for changing the minds of men?

This is far from being intended to be a discouraging note. There are hundreds of courageous ministers and lay leaders who speak in no uncertain terms against this sin. And there is a vast volume of latent anxiety, needing to be aroused. Let us "be not weary in well doing..."

DID YOU KNOW?

"The great majority of our nation's registered voters in 1933 were not in favor of Repeal, and of relegalizing the saloons which President Roosevelt promised would not return but which are with us now in the total of almost 500,000. On the issue of Repeal 15,207,285 citizens voted Wet, 5,332,992 voted Dry, and 35,897,285 others who were eligible to vote DID NOT VOTE AT ALL!"

L.M.C.F. Bulletin.

"A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits."

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CONSCIENCE

Conscience covers a multitude of sins. How commonly held is the thought that an easy conscience relieves one of blame! Or that conscience is a safe and dependable guide for conduct — as though every one had a natural, built-in monitor which, without fail, will tell him what is right!

Such thinking will not bear looking into. An assassin may think he is quite noble. It is said that Al Capone really felt that he was a good fellow, wofully understood.

The truth is that conscience is a matter of training. It is moral judgment, based on what one has learned. Hence the importance of knowing the truth about anything. "The truth shall make you free". Truth saves people from error. How could anyone decide wisely about a matter he does not know the facts about?

"All the character-building processes that come to bear on us from the cradle to the grave are there for the purpose of formulating within us certain inhibitions which teach us what is right and what is wrong, and how to rightly relate ourselves to others; and furthermore, they lead us to the point where we prefer the right instead of the wrong." *Warden J. K. Cranor* in LISTEN

Alcoholic drink "loosens inhibitions, dulls conscience, makes moral self-criticism unclear, opens the way to conduct of a lower standard".

PSEUDO-SCIENTISTS

There are people going around expressing interest in the alcohol problem, but continually implying that the average man can drink alcohol without danger of incurring addiction; that only the exceptional man becomes an alcoholic. Dr. Horatio M. Pollock, of New York State Department of Mental Hygiene says: "The great majority of persons who develop alcoholic mental disease are average citizens who showed no marked abnormality prior to the formation of the alcohol habit".

WHY IS WHISKY "BAD"?

Whatever is "bad" is so because of the damage it does. William Brady, M.D., says in the Charleston DAILY MAIL, "No matter what you pay for it, or how fancy the label, the whisky is bad; bad for you, bad for your loved ones and dependents, bad for the society responsible for your crimes and defections, and for the State of which you are a citizen."

IN THE SCHOOLS

Our High School Program of Alcohol Education got off to a good start in Cape May High School, North Arlington and Swedesboro. Many other schools are waiting to set their dates. It is a thrilling experience to share valuable information with growing young personalities, to see their interest, and to respond to their questions. Everyone who supports the Temperance League is a partner, wherever I go.

AN OPEN LETTER TO CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTERS

Even Old Testament Wise Men were concerned about the damage done by intoxicating wine. The Christian Church, because of her concern for the spiritual, mental, and physical health of people, has had, of necessity, to fight against drink's inroads. At no time has the need of knowing and understanding the facts about it been more urgent than today. Scientific study supplies the knowledge needed. The heartless traffickers in this narcotic are relentlessly seeking to mislead all youth. They are perishing all about us. Shall we not come to the rescue with all that we can do?

The one Agency of the Churches, for bringing preventive knowledge to all the youth of our Communities, is the Temperance League of New Jersey. We reach those who do not come to you. The Churches can make the League strong or weak. To arouse and enlist the interest of the people, I hope to visit more and more Church Congregations, Sunday Schools, Societies, so that they may know the problems and our work. Sundays and week nights can be used in this way. Won't you include a visit by me in your plans?

Without sufficient funds, The Temperance League is helpless to meet the many opportunities to serve. When fifty churches decide to devote $100 each to the League, annually; 60 to give $50; 60, $25 and 100, $12 or more - then we'll be free to go where needed. There are churches and individuals investing in all these amounts. This vital enterprise needs a good lift from each of you - and soon.

Yours to serve,
Brown McDonald
Superintendent

"The star-spangled banner,
Oh long may it wave
In the land of the spree
And the home of the knave."
— *Progress*

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Honesty of opinion results from taking the trouble to know the available facts. One is a cheat and a sham, who pretends to know what he is not sure of. Honesty is modest. Solid conviction must be based on facts. Any statement is no good, unless the facts sustain it. Some people are not even honest with themselves. This is particularly true in regard to the use of beer, wine, etc. As Dr. Andrew C. Ivy states: "It is sheer intellectual dishonesty to talk of drinking alcohol in moderation, when it is realized that it is a dangerous, habit-forming narcotic."

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Biennal Convention of the National Temperance League, Inc. will be held in the Court Street Methodist Church of Flint, Michigan, November 15th-18th. More than ordinary importance attaches to this convention, because a new National Executive Director is to be elected. Superintendent McDonald will be in attendance. He is a member of the Board of Directors and of the National Executive Committee.

TWO WAYS 'MOST ANYONE CAN HELP

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DID YOU EVER HEAR?

Did you ever hear of a man who lost his job because he was a total abstainer?

Did you ever hear of an insurance company that offered reduced premiums to drink addicts?

Did you ever hear of a woman saying, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would only drink?"

Did you ever hear of a man who could drive a car with more safety if he took a drink of alcohol before starting out?

Did you ever hear of a railway engineer who stood better with his employers if he drank?

Did you ever hear of an Arctic explorer who stocked up his supplies with liquor in order to keep warm?

Did you ever hear of a child who complained because his daddy did not come home half-drunk?

Did you ever hear of a man who objected to his daughter's marrying a man because he was not a drink addict?

Did you ever hear of a murderer on the gallows declaring that his abstinence practices led him to his predicament?

Did you ever hear of a man who beat his wife and thrashed his baby because he was sober when he came home?

Did you ever hear of a house-owner who charged higher rentals because of a public-house had been set up next door?

—*"The Clipsheet"*

ANOTHER FALLACY BRANDED

We always knew it, didn't we? But we are glad when the wisacres are refuted by a greater voice.

The Battle Hymn of the repealers was, "You can't legislate morals!" How this has been echoed down the years! Hence a statement by Dr. Harold G. Sanders, preacher of Tallahassee, Florida, may startle some folks into heart-searching. He told the Florida Drys, "It is nonsense to say that you cannot legislate morals. There was never any other purpose for legislation."

"Dr. Sanders is right, of course. Any crime you name, any law to fit that crime, is a moral issue. What a man does that touches other people becomes forthwith a matter of morals. Laws are all made to meet moral issues, every last one of them."

Adapted

CHRISTMAS GREETING

As we celebrate the birth of "The Prince Of Peace", may His kind of grace and goodwill abound in all the earth.

SHAME

Let My People Repent!

"The drink evil was introduced among non-Christian people by emissaries from western nations. With truth, therefore, it may be said that so-called Christian nations have been responsible not only for drugging China with opium but for debauching Africa with alcohol."

John R. Mott.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The name of the League in Colorado is, "THE INTERCHURCH TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT". Well, The Temperance League of New Jersey is supposed to be just that, a cooperative agency of the churches of various denominations. Through the League, churches of New Jersey move to counter the aggressiveness of a business which would make drinkers of all

IT HAPPENED IN NEW JERSEY

A pastor, making a home visit, witnessed the following scene: A little girl, under five years old, sat before the television. Suddenly she said to her mother, "I want a drink."

Her mother replied, "There is orange juice in the refrigerator".

"But I don't want orange juice".

"Well, then, there is grape juice".

"I don't want grape juice".

"What do you want, dear?"

"I want Schlitz beer".

The mother was amused, and thought her darling was quick to catch on to what she had seen and heard.

ALCOHOL IS A POISON

"It has not the slightest compensating value for internal use. It isn't a food, a beneficial stimulant, nor an aid to digestion; it's a poison. It's a parasite, forger, thief, panderer, liar, brutalizer, murderer. There isn't, and there never has been, one word to say for it."

Robert W. Chambers.